

United States Supreme Court
1st and East Capital Streets, NE
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) United States Supreme Court		HABS NO. DC-1
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1st and East Capital Streets, NE		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1935	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Cass Gilbert	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the last of the large neoclassical federal buildings erected in the 1930's; designed by noted architect Cass Gilbert, perhaps best known as the architect of the the Woolworth Building in New York.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neoclassical		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Vermont marble facing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 385' (23 bays) x 305', 3-story central nave-like section with gable roof flanked by hipped roof wings which are 1-story plus basement; massive porticoes front and rear		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Elaborate front portico with double row of Corinthian columns and sculpted frieze and pediment; low relief pilasters on wings; monumental stair leads to front portico; cheek blocks support large allegorical figures		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition good		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974. Category I District of Columbia Landmark		
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